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SUBJECT: LE POINT ARTICLE MENTIONING ROBINSON  
AND ENDERS

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PORTION OF  
ARTICLE BY CLAUDE BONJEAN WHICH APPEARED IN JULY 14  
EDITION OF WEEKLY LE POINT. SPECULATING ABOUT A FALL  
RELAUNCHING OF THE ENERGY CONFERENCE -- WHICH HE  
DESCRIBES AS GISCARD'S FIRST AMBITIOUS PROJECT --  
BONJEAN SAYS THAT THE US NO LONGER OPPOSES A CONSUMER/  
PRODUCER DIALOGUE. HIS ARTICLE CONCLUDES:

2. QUOTE: YES, KISSINGER HAS CHANGED. AND, IN A  
SIGNIFICANT WAY, HIS MOST HEEDED COUNSELOR ALSO. IT  
IS NO LONGER THOMAS O. ENDERS, ROUGH 44-YEAR-OLD GIANT,  
CALLED THE "FASTEST MIND IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT," BUT  
THE SUPPLE CHARLES ROBINSON, AMIABLE BOW-TIE WEARER, IN  
HIS 50'S, FORMER PRESIDENT OF A MULTINATIONAL FIRM  
SPECIALIZING IN MINING IRON ORE AND CURRENTLY UNDER  
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SECRETARY OF STATE. THE TWO MEN ARGUED FOR A LONG TIME

OVER THE BEST METHOD OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE PRODUCERS;  
AND FOR A LONG TIME ENDERS HAD THE UPPER HAND. HE  
DREAMED OF ASSURING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FOR THE UNITED  
STATES WITHIN TEN YEARS, OF SETTING A FLOOR PRICE  
SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO PRESERVE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF  
OTHER ENERGY SOURCES, AND SECRETLY BREAKING THE PRO-  
DUCERS' CARTEL, OPEC. BIT BY BIT HIS DREAM HAS  
COLLAPSED. AND TODAY THE UNITED STATES IS SAID TO BE  
READY TO NEGOTIATE UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH SHOULD PLEASE  
FRANCE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THE SAME CONDITIONS  
WILL SUIT ALGERIA.

3. BUT TIME IS PRESSING. IF IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO  
ORGANIZE THE ENERGY CONFERENCE BEFORE THE UN SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 5, IT WILL BE NECESSARY AT LEAST TO ANNOUNCE  
A DATE BEFORE THE OPEC MEETING IN VIENNA SEPTEMBER 24.  
IF NOT, THE PRODUCERS, DISCOURAGED, WILL DECIDE TO  
RAISE THE PRICE OF OIL FURTHER. UNQUOTE.  
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